

REMARKS

Claims 24-57 are pending in the present application. Reexamination of the application and reconsideration of the rejections and objections are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, which follow the order set forth in the Office Action.

Terminal Disclaimer

Applicant herewith submits a Terminal Disclaimer with regard to U.S. Application No. 11/918,522. In view of the terminal disclaimer, withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting reaction over claims 24-41 and 49-57 is respectfully requested.

Rejoinder

Upon finding product claim 24 allowable, withdrawn claims 42-48 should be rejoined for substantive prosecution because they are directed to a process and depend from or otherwise contain all the limitations of product claim 24, which is allowable. Under MPEP 821.04(b), "if applicant elects a claim(s) directed to a product which is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder."

For the foregoing reasons, claims 24-57 are considered allowable. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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